

REMARKS

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. In the Action, claims 18-23 were rejected. Claims 24-28 stood withdrawn, and by the above amendments, are cancelled. Claims 1-17 were previously canceled. Therefore, claims 18-23 are pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 18-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,284,077 (Wagner).

The Examiner bases this rejection on Wagner, stating that Wagner discloses and suggests a piston pump. The Examiner further states that Wagner discloses a lock, making reference to figs 4-7, and commented on the language of claim 18 as it relates to the pump.

Initially, claim 18 has been amended in view of the Examiner's comments regarding the pump. The amendment is made for clarity without narrowing the claim.

With regard to the Examiner's statement that Wagner discloses a lock, referring to figs 4-7, those figures relate to the dosing mechanism, not a pump. It is not clear exactly what structure the Examiner is referring to, but whether it is "carrier bolt 36" or "stop nut 34", those structures are associated with the dosing mechanism. (Wagner, column 7, lines 1-15.) In contrast, the claimed lock is adapted to lock the piston of the pump. Further, applicant's previous observations about what Wagner discloses and its function, made in the response to the Office Action of August 20, 2004, are incorporated by reference herein.

The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 18, are allowable for at least the same reasons, further in view of their additional recitations.

Conclusion

This communication generates no new claim fees, but a request for continued examination (RCE) and a petition to extend the time to respond are being submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayments associated with this communication, the RCE or the petition to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

The application is in allowable form, and entry, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

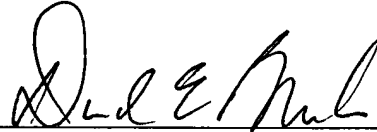
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